

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 9, line 8, as follows:

Recording/reproducing of information to the optical disk 61 is performed by the optical pickup P. The optical pickup P is coupled to a thread motor 66 through a gear, a ~~tread~~ thread motor control circuit 68 controls the thread motor 66.

Please amend the paragraph starting on page 9, line 13, as follows:

A speed detecting circuit 69 is connected to the ~~tread~~ thread motor control circuit 68, and a speed signal of the optical pickup P, which is detected by the speed detecting circuit 69, is transmitted to the ~~tread~~ thread motor control circuit 68. A permanent magnet (not shown) is provided in a fixed portion of the thread motor 66, the optical pickup P is moved in a radial direction of the optical disk 61 in such a manner that the ~~tread~~ thread motor control circuit 68 excites a driving coil 67.